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MOUNTAIN BIKE MEETINGS SCHEDULED

On January 30th and January 31st, Big Bend National Park will host two public meetings in association with a planning effort that could possibly expand mountain biking opportunities within the park. The first meeting will take place on Monday, January 30th in Alpine at Sul Ross State University in Lawrence Hall, Room 300. The second meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 31st in Study Butte at the Community Center. Both meetings will start at 7:00 PM.

Big Bend has been selected as one of three National Park Service areas to participate in a program with the International Mountain Biking Association that will explore the goal of providing appropriate, high quality mountain biking opportunities in national parks. The public meetings are one of the first steps in the planning process.

Superintendent John King invites all interested parties to attend the meetings. "The issue of more mountain biking opportunities in Big Bend has already attracted a lot of attention and this is a chance for all to participate in the process. There will be other chances to comment, but these initial public meetings allow anyone to get involved at the very beginning and express their thoughts."

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